**OERs Make Sense**

a Persuasive Thesis Statement on Online Educational Resources (OERs):

Even though Not all OERs are credible., Schools should move toward using OERs. because Many OERs can be modified to fit needs of individual institutions. and OERs are free or low cost..

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an Online Outline

**Introductory Paragraph**

Begin with an interesting quotation related to your opinion about Online Educational Resources (OERs)

(You will need a transition here)

- End the Intro paragraph with your thesis statement:

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**Body Paragraph #1**

Topic of the body thesis:  
Not all OERs are credible.

- Find evidence - like facts, examples, quotations, or statistics that back it upor support the topic sentence of this paragraph.

- Explain how your evidence supports the topic sentence

Another example that shows that Not all OERs are credible. is...

- Find more evidence - facts, examples, quotations, or statistics that back it up or support the topic sentence of this paragraph.

- Explain how this second piece of evidence supports the topic sentence.

**Body Paragraph #2**

Even though Not all OERs are credible., Schools should move toward using OERs. because Many OERs can be modified to fit needs of individual institutions..

- Find evidence - like facts, examples, quotations, or statistics that back it upor support the topic sentence of this paragraph.

- Explain how your evidence supports the topic sentence

Another example that shows that Many OERs can be modified to fit needs of individual institutions. is...

- Find more evidence - facts, examples, quotations, or statistics that back it up or support the topic sentence of this paragraph.

- Explain how this second piece of evidence supports the topic sentence.

**Body Paragraph #3**

The most important reason Schools should move toward using OERs. is because OERs are free or low cost..

- Find evidence - like facts, examples, quotations, or statistics that back it upor support the topic sentence of this paragraph.

- Explain how your evidence supports the topic sentence

Another example that shows that OERs are free or low cost. is...

- Find more evidence - facts, examples, quotations, or statistics that back it up or support the topic sentence of this paragraph.

- Explain how this second piece of evidence supports the topic sentence.

**Conclusion**

So you can see that although Not all OERs are credible., Schools should move toward using OERs. for two main reasons. First, Many OERs can be modified to fit needs of individual institutions.. But most importantly, OERs are free or low cost..

- Now you will return to your opening attention-getter from the introduction

- Then end your essay with a powerful *So What?* statement.

Reflection:

I chose to use the Thesis Builder to prepare a persuasive thesis and outline. I recently put together a Live Binder about Open Educational Resources, thus I chose to use this topic to test out the Thesis Builder. Overall, it was very user friendly. The site prompts the user to enter a topic, the opinion about the topic, 2 supporting details and 1 opposing viewpoint. It then configures all of that information into a thesis. The thesis is awkwardly stated with hideous punctuation, but gives the user a pretty clear idea for how the thesis should be written. It is an excellent starting point,; a bit of editing would make the thesis great. I took it another step further to see what the “quicky” outline would look like. This is great, too. It gives the user a basic outline using the information that was plugged into the thesis builder. The best part is that it also gives tips and asks questions of the writer, which will help with elaboration of ideas. I would not hesitate to recommend this for my students. It is true that they must have enough knowledge for the topic in order to know supporting and refuting ideas. It is a good way to get students started.